REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Mosser et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,066,540), and allowed claims 3, 6, 10, 12, and 17-19.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Mosser et al. By this Amendment, Applicants have incorporated allowable subject matter from claim 3 into independent claim 1 and have incorporated allowable subject matter from claim 10 into independent claim 9. Accordingly, the Section 102(b)/103 rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, and 13-16 is moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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